

Former Marine Joins Explorer on Expedition to Far North

On his way to unexplored regions of the Far North, there is one top sergeant of the Marine Corps Reserve who is not going to be carried as a W. O. L. at Washington for the next year or two if the Article R. F. D. mail carriers get snowbound.

Frederick William Maurer, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, is now at the Golden Gate Hotel in Nome, and ready to move off as a member of the Stefansson Arctic Expedition. From that post of the snows he notified Major-General Lejeune in a letter mailed on September 7, not to expect the monthly reports required of the sea soldier reservists until he returned to civilization and the high cost of living.

Maurer was a member of the former Stefansson expedition, and the lure of the Arctic proved stronger than the rewards of salesmanship in Ohio soon after he was placed on the inactive list. He is old bunkies rest content with the idea that Maurer will tell it for the Marines in a land where disarmament is an accomplished fact, and they point to him as the latest proof of the Marine Corps' boast that Marines "go everywhere and see everything." Maurer's enlistment, by the way, will expire on Washington's Birthday, 1922, somewhere in the vicinity of the North Pole.

"AMERICA AT CROSS ROADS OF DESTINY," SAYS MRS. CALHOUN.

"America today stands at the cross roads of her destiny," writes Mrs. Calhoun. "The war and its devastation left a sadly torn, unstable, and unhappy world in its wake. In common with other nations, America is in a dangerous state of unrest. Irreverence, loss of faith, selfishness, grow more rampant day by day. All nations, and our country in particular, need a stabilizing force that shall bring convincingly once more to the minds of men and women the homely virtues that lay in the simple old standards of our forefathers, the brave men and women of old who builded a mighty nation on these shores to serve as a haven of refuge and liberty for the oppressed hordes of the older civilizations.

"We have wandered far from the examples set by our sturdy ancestors who dared the toil, hunger, pain, and disappointment in a new land to carve out a nation that men should call great. Many of our beloved institutions are becoming less revered, and some are actually scorned.

FRANCHISE BROUGHT NEW RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WOMEN.

"With the franchise there have come new responsibilities for American women; new burdens they must bear with wisdom and with strength. At the very time when they are most needed, with their great gifts of sympathy and intuition and their passion for caring for others, women enter American life in its fullest sense as citizens; when their influence may be the vital force that shall stem the tides of unrest and turn the public mind and the public conscience back to the realization of what their true allegiance to their country properly demands.

"This is the basic thought back of this Foundation. The thought that women must give of their best in the new state of national life into which it has pleased God to call them; and further, to create a point of centralization for all thinking women who have a love in their hearts for the higher things. Women who would rather die than have the sanctuary of the home blemished and who are willing as volunteer soldiers to do their utmost for the preservation of the highest in our civilization."

THE PRACTICAL AIMS OF THE FOUNDATION

Such are the ideals of the Woman's National Foundation. Turning to its practical side, it intends to promote the education of women in civic knowledge and rights; the teaching of Americanism by restoring the old simple standards; the holding of referendum on questions of national importance through its local centers in every part of the country and thus registering the will of the women of America; the fostering of music, drama, and the other arts and the furthering of all efforts making for the welfare of women and children and to afford the women of America a national club home in the capital of the country—an acropolis of woman's achievement—where the problems of women shall receive the thought and the study that shall lead to their solution. A bureau of information will be maintained at the Washington headquarters where questions concerning the nation's business work in the departments, and legislation will be accurately and quickly answered. In a word, it will be a clearing house of woman's activities not interfering with the aims of other organizations, but unifying and solidifying the progress of American women, only possible, in an organization in the capital of the country, free from sectionalism and partisanship. A "Capital for Women" it has been aptly named, promoting practically every activity in which women, not only as club women, but as individuals, are interested. Where no local centers of the Foundation are formed any woman may become a member at large and be entitled to the rights, privileges, and opportunities of the organization.

HISTORIC SITE ALREADY SECURED

Through the patriotic cooperation of the founders of the Woman's National Foundation a million-dollar site in the heart of northwest Washington, a veritable park, rich in historic memories, has been secured for a permanent home of the institution. It is approximately ten acres in area and commands a sweeping panorama of the more important parts of

the city. Congress has again and again considered purchasing this site and preserving its natural beauties. Representative Mondell, the majority leader of the House, said on the floor of Congress that it was the most beautiful tract of wooded land in the center of Washington and perhaps the most beautiful in any city in the world.

TEMPLE TRIUMPHANT. LIVING MEMORIAL TO AMERICAN WOMANHOOD

Plans have been drawn by F. Burrall Hoffman, Jr., and Murray Hoffman of New York City, for a group of magnificent buildings that will in themselves be a memorial to American womanhood and a most notable achievement on the part of the members of the Foundation. The main building is to be the Temple Triumphant—a great memorial to achieving American women through all the generations of national existence. This temple will contain an auditorium seating two thousand persons, providing an open forum for the women of the country and a meeting place for great conventions of women gathered together to discuss the vital problems of the day. Here also will be housed the executive offices of the Foundation and those of other national organizations that may become affiliated with it.

Nearby is to be the guest house, which will provide ideal accommodations for visiting members in a modern hotel, exclusively for women, at most moderate rates. Here also will be housed the work rooms, experimental kitchens, laboratories, and other equipment for the scientific correspondence courses through which the Foundation hopes to reach and interest rural as well as city women.

A beautiful Sylvan theater will afford a setting for pageants, pastoral plays, classic and folk dances, and entertainments for children. It is proposed in the outline of this theater to offer a home to made in America art, music, and drama that shall give real encouragement to American artists, composers and dramatists. The Founders' Club is another building of the group planned for those who become founders, and applications for a number of sites for national homes of women's organizations have already been received.

This central plant in Washington will send programs from its various departments to local centers through out the country. From these centers will be selected delegates to come to the annual convention of the Foundation in the national capital.

BUILDER MEMBERSHIP OFFERED TO ALL

In order to stress the memorial aspect of the Foundation opportunity is at this time offered to become builder members and thus erect the splendid group of buildings planned. Anyone who subscribes \$10 or more becomes a builder member and may feel that she, in effect, owns a square foot of the land and all that is builded thereon and has dedicated it to womanhood through the Foundation in the name of some beloved woman. As a builder member the donor is entitled to a certificate of remembrance to be placed in the book of remembrance in the Hall of Memory. The like privilege of nominating the name of any woman chosen for entrance in the book of remembrance is also granted to any man who makes subscription to the building fund of the Foundation of ten dollars or more. More information in detail regarding this memorial membership will be furnished upon inquiry of "The Membership Committee, Woman's National Foundation, Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C."

MEN TO ERECT MOTHERS MEMORIAL SHAFT

Still further carrying out the memorial idea Captain C. C. Calhoun has contributed \$1,000 to start a fund to erect a shaft in the Foundation grounds to "The Mothers of America" in memory of his own mother. Only men will be asked to contribute to this fund, and while the shaft will memorialize all American mothers from pioneer to the present times, the names of the mothers of the donors will be carved thereon. A special committee of men is being organized to erect this mothers shaft as one of the first structures of the Foundation site.

HALL OF MEMORY IN HONOR GREAT WOMEN OF THE STATES

A unique feature of the Temple Triumphant will be the Hall of Memory, suggested by Mrs. George Barnett, one of the board of governors, which is to have fifty-one memorial pillars, one for each state, Alaska, District of Columbia, and Hawaii, on which will be inscribed the names of the greatest women of that state or territory. A committee of historical research will be appointed to select these names with representatives from each state, and patriotic and other organizations are asked to make nominations of the women they consider should be thus honored. Women whose names are selected may have belonged to any period since the settlement of America, but must not now be living.

This idea has taken like wild fire among the women of the states. They realize that this will make this Acropolis in very truth a monument to America's womanhood of the past, the present, and the future, and more especially to those brave pioneer women who, dauntless in the face of danger and hardship, marched with their men across the continent and to whom, to the shame of our country be it said, no appropriate memorial has as yet been erected.

ALREADY NOMINATE GREAT WOMEN

Among the nominations which have already been made for the various pillars are the following: Delaware, Mary Vinim; Minnesota, Harriette Leavenworth; Indiana, Anna Symmes Harrison; Oregon, Abigail Scott Duniway; Arkansas, Nancy Stinnett Marshall; Florida, Donna Dolores; North Dakota, Sackajawes;

Washington state, Narcissa Whitman, Colorado, Sarah R. Fuller; Alabama, Emma Sanson, Mary A. Calahan; Vermont, Ann Story; Mississippi, Elizabeth Roach; Illinois, Frances Willard, Rebecca Heath; West Virginia, Mary Moore, Elizabeth Bane; Texas, Mrs. Sam Houston; Michigan, Sarah Nelson Terhune, Mary McMillan; New Jersey, Hannah Arnett; Ohio, Rebecca Rouse, Caroline Scott Harrison; Tennessee, Bonny Kate Sherill; Virginia, North Carolina, Virginia Dare, Flora McDonald; Georgia, Nancy Hart, Dorothy Walton; Rhode Island, Grace Darling, Mary Dwyer; New York, Julia Ward Howe, Susan B. Anthony; Connecticut, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Faith Robinson, Trumbull; Kentucky, Nancy Hanks, Rebecca Bryan Boone; District of Columbia, Marcia Van Ness Burns, Emma D. E. N. Southworth; California, Phoebe A. Hearst, Jane Lathrop Stanford; New Hampshire, Molly Stark, Mary Baker Eddy; Louisiana, Margaret Daugherty, Mrs. W. J. Bohan; Mrs. Eliza Warren; Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, Betsy Ross; Maryland, Margaret Brent, Margaret Jane Ramsay; South Carolina, Rebecca Motte, Amelia Cunningham; Virginia, Pocahontas, Mary Ball.

An American Doughboy in France

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started for the Rhine, hiking 50 minutes of each hour from early morning until four or five o'clock in the afternoon. A detail was sent ahead of us to arrange "billets" in the village where we were to stay over night. The first day's hiking brought us to Ire le Sec, France, near the Belgian border. The next day we entered Belgium, and upon our arrival in Harnoncourt, we were given a rousing reception. The town band came out several miles to meet us and escorted us through an arch beautifully decorated with flowers and flags into the town, where a dance was given our officers by the town officials. We were

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enthusiastically received. Children ran along beside us, crying in their native tongue, "Long Live America." The Stars and Stripes were flying everywhere. These flags had been provided in many cases by drawing what was supposed to be our national emblem on paper—perhaps the work of the school children. It was interesting to note the variety displayed in these representations of the flag; some had dozens of stars, some had but one, the number of stars being apparently of minor importance to those dear people of quaint old Belgium. The same band which had met us the evening before led us out through the corporate limits, and we proceeded

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ed on our way to Racheourt, our last stop in Belgium. We arrived here late in the afternoon, sought out a sleeping place in a hay loft, fell in line for soup, which we speedily disposed of, and before darkness came on we were fast asleep, dreaming dreams of home.

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